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DIRECTIONS: Have the child read the passage for one minute. Record errors and number of words read. If a child pauses for more than three seconds on a word, give them the word and count it as an error.

The kids were up to their hips in water, cleaning up the trash that 14
 clogged the river. Most of the garbage was stuff they expected—cans, 26
 plastic bags, tires—but they also found something they couldn't 36
 explain: shopping carts. 39

"Here's another one," Stuart yelled. 44

"There seem to be more on the left-hand side," Tara shouted. There 57
 weren't any grocery stores for miles, and they couldn't imagine why 68
 anyone would push a cart so far just to dump it in the river. "We should 84
 follow the shopping carts and see where they're coming from." 94

As they went upstream, they found even more, until they saw a giant 107
 pile of carts towering to the top of the riverbank. The kids peeked over the 121
 bank into the large parking lot of a thrift store. Just then, a gust of wind 137
 began to blow a cart, faster and faster, toward the riverbank. 149

"Incoming!" cried Tara, and the kids splashed away as the cart 160
 toppled onto the pile. 164

"I suppose we've solved our mystery," said Stuart. 172

 Number of Errors: Accuracy (%):

 Reading Rate (Words Per Minute):